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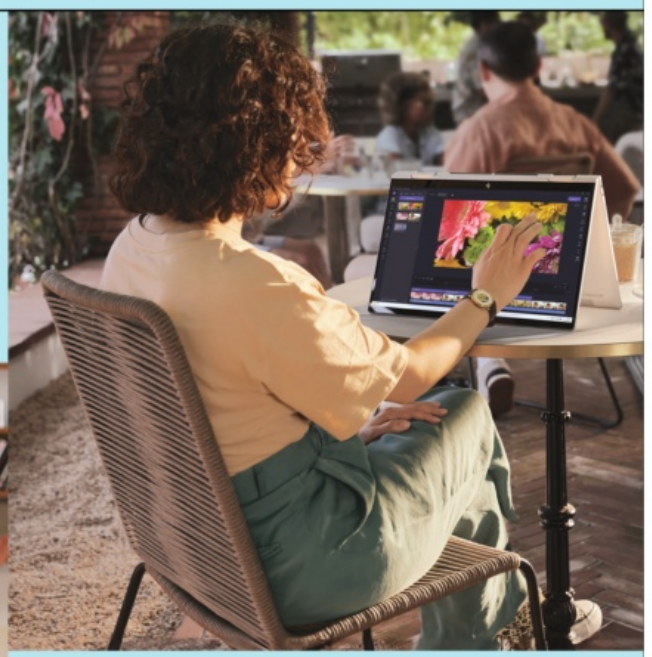

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Tug of war continues on drought

CM Siddaramaiah accuses FM Sitharaman of lying on drought relief fund to Karnataka

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Sunday alleged that Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman lied when she said that the drought relief fund was not released because the Model Code of Conduct is in force.

Speaking to reporters on Saturday, Sitharaman sought to defend the Centre saying procedures to release funds had taken time by which time the MCC came into effect.

She said that after the Karnataka government submitted a memorandum in October and the inter-ministerial central team conducted a spot assessment, the release of drought relief had to go through a few procedures and that it had taken time.

According to the finance minister, the central authorities had written to the Election Commission on March 28 to get prior approval to convene a high-level committee, given that the Model Code of Conduct in force -- and the EC's approval is awaited with regard to the grant of drought relief.

> "Narendra Modi has been Prime Minister for 10 years. Has he done anything for Bengaluru? He didn't give you drinking water
> –Siddaramaiah

Siddaramaiah said the state had submitted its memorandum for drought relief in December itself and rued the fact that despite Karnataka having the second highest tax collections in the country, the union government did not release the relief amount to the state.

"You please give it a thought. Narendra Modi has been Prime Minister for 10 years. Has he done anything for Bengaluru? He didn't give you drinking water," Siddaramaiah said, addressing the people during an election campaign for Congress's Bengaluru North Lok Sabha candidate Professor M V Rajeev Gowda.

He pointed out that Rs 4.30 lakh crore goes to the Centre as tax from Karnataka.

"When we ask for more (share) from our tax money and relief amount for drought mitigation, they lie," the chief minister said, addressing the people in Dasarahalli.

After listening to Sitharaman's statement, Karnataka Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda expressed his readiness for an open discussion and has even kept the stage ready for it, Siddaramaiah said.

"Shouldn't Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman attend it or not? She did not turn up. Yesterday she was here in Bengaluru. (She didn't come) because she has lied, now she cannot tell the truth," the chief minister added.

"She has spoken one more big lie. When we asked why no relief amount was given for drought relief, she said that the election code of conduct has come in the way... but we had submitted a memorandum for drought relief in September (2023)."

"We had sought the relief amount in December. Yet, not a single rupee was released (for drought relief in Karnataka). Isn't it injustice to the people of Karnataka?" Siddaramaiah asked.

According to government officials, drought has been declared in 226 out of 236 taluks in the state. A central team had also visited Karnataka in September last year. Since then, three memoranda were submitted to the Centre, seeking the release of funds.

In February, Siddaramaiah, his cabinet colleagues, MPs and MLAs staged a demonstration in Delhi for the release of grants to the state for drought mitigation.

Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar too hit out at Sitharaman saying she had admitted that the Centre has done injustice to Karnataka.

""Nirmala Sitharaman has said that the announcement of general elections delayed drought relief funds to Karnataka. What is the connection between elections and drought relief? By saying this, she has admitted that drought relief is delayed and Centre has done injustice to Karnataka. She was accusing the state of not doing enough for drought relief," Shivakumar said.

According to him, the Karnataka government submitted the drought relief appeal four months ago when there was no Model Code of Conduct.

"Now she is giving the pretext of a code of conduct. People are aware of the injustice of the Centre. This justifies D K Suresh's 'Our tax, our right' campaign, thanks to her," he said in a statement.

Three-time MP Suresh is Shivakumar's brother who is contesting for a fourth term from Bengaluru Rural Lok Sabha constituency. —PTI

Siddaramaiah (C) takes part in a roadshow as part of the Indian National Congress (INC) party campaign in Bengaluru on Sunday

Doctors' advice: Go & vote

To create awareness among the public, especially working professionals, on the importance of exercising franchise in the Lok Sabha elections, a voteathon was organised on Sunday morning at Indiranagar by doctors. The voteathon was taken out on 100 Ft Road, via Sony Circle, 80 Ft Road, Chinmaya Mission Hospital, and MIMAS Gastro and Super Specialty Centre covering a distance of around four km.

Dr Rajasekhara Jaka, president, Surgical Society of Bangalore, said the voter turnout during the last Assembly elections was 73 percent across the state but it was only 53 percent in Bengaluru. "The low percentage of turnout indicates that around 50 percent of people in Bengaluru are not bothered about exercising their franchise. However, they criticise the government, saying that it has failed to do this or that. It is the responsibility of voters to select the right candidate in the election. So, we have organised this voteathon to create awareness among the public," said Dr Jaka.

He said that doctors and nurses should exercise their franchise on polling day. "I know doctors and nurses have work pressure but they have to make arrangements to exercise their franchise without fail," he said.

Dr Muni Reddy, secretary, Surgical Society of Bengaluru, said that more professionals have been working in Indiranagar and nearby areas. "If the public wants to elect a good representative, they have to vote on the polling day. It is our responsibility to cast our votes to elect a good representative," said Dr Reddy.

Dr Sampath Kumar, who participated in the voteathon, said that the Constitution has given the right to the public to exercise their franchise. "There is no such facility or right for the public to vote in some countries. We have to exercise our franchise to select a good candidate during the election," said Dr Kumar.

—Y Maheswara Reddy

NOTES FROM THE FIELD

Fight over 'Modi' photo

In Shivamogga, former BJP Minister KS Eshwarappa is running in opposition to the party's official candidate BY Raghavendra. It's noteworthy that Eshwarappa is incorporating photos of Modi into his campaign, which has raised concerns from Raghavendra, who has said that only official candidates are entitled to use Modi's name and posters. When questioned by journalists about this, Eshwarappa, visibly upset, asserted that Modi is a 'global' leader, and any politician can invoke his name, as BJP has not claimed exclusive rights over Modi. Eshwarappa further stated his confidence in winning the elections as an independent candidate and later rejoining BJP to endorse Modi's candidacy. The outcome of this political maneuvering will become evident with time, determining whether KSE emerges victorious.

Political divide

Politics can create rifts within families, as evidenced during the ongoing Lok Sabha elections. Nisha Yogeshwar, the daughter of former BJP Minister CP Yogeshwar, recently expressed her intention to join the Congress. However, KPCC president and Deputy CM DK Shivakumar responded cautiously, expressing his reluctance to be a catalyst for family discord. He emphasised his desire for Nisha to focus on marriage and personal stability, avoiding any disruption in the father-daughter relationship. In contrast, when journalists approached Nisha for her thoughts on DK Shivakumar's statement, she clarified that her motivation for joining a political party stemmed from a desire to engage in social service. She mentioned that marriage was not a priority for her, indicating her independence in decision-making regardless of her father's opinions or actions.

Electoral divide

This election season brings a fascinating scenario where two siblings are contesting from different parties and different states. B Sriramulu is running on a BJP ticket from the Ballari constituency, while his sister J Shanta, who previously contested from Ballari under the BJP banner, has made a significant switch both in party affiliation and state. She is now a candidate for the YSRCP led by Andhra Pradesh CM YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, contesting from the neighbouring Hindupur constituency. Shanta's political journey includes her successful contest on a BJP ticket from Ballari in 2009, which she won. Subsequently, she vacated the seat for her brother Sriramulu in 2014. However, her own 2018 bid on a BJP ticket ended in defeat. This election cycle showcases the intricate dynamics within political families and the diverse paths siblings may take in pursuit of their political ambitions.

No permanent enemies

Political parties operate on a dynamic landscape where alliances and loyalties can shift unexpectedly. This was evident in the case of BJP MLA from Yelahanka, SR Vishwanath, who expressed dissatisfaction with his party's decision to field Dr K Sudhakar from Chikkaballapur instead of his son SV Alok. Despite his initial discontent, Sudhakar made efforts to mend fences by visiting Vishwanath's residence for breakfast. Similarly, former JDS state unit president H Vishwanath had been disheartened and had left JDS to join BJP, indicating a possible inclination towards joining Congress. However, in a surprising turn of events, Vishwanath was observed honoring the BJP candidate Yaduveer and holding discussions with former CM HD Kumaraswamy, showcasing the unpredictable nature of political allegiances and strategies. —Sridhar Vivan

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AI-based app is helping forest dwellers learn best beekeeping practices for sustainable apiculture

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Keepers can consult bee specialists, get real-time suggestions

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The traditional honey bee farms in and around Kali Tiger Reserve (KTR) are buzzing with AI-based technology. This is after the reserve authorities have come up with a tech twist to encourage secondary livelihood opportunities among forest dwellers and promote good beekeeping practices for sustainable apiculture in the area. To increase the production and income of beekeepers, the officials are helping traditional keepers with a mobile application to monitor hive boxes.

Through the app, beekeepers can interact with 'bee mitras', a group of bee specialists and apiculturists, and get real-time suggestions on issues impacting the hives such as predators harming bees, fungal infection of hives, and so on.

"We have provided the necessary training to forest dwellers to operate

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"Farmers can get solutions to every bee-related problem through this app

— Nilesh Shinde, DCF, Kali Tiger Reserve

Licence to trade licence

Why was a trade licence issued without verifying documents?

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It is mandatory for a businessman or a professional to apply for a trade licence 30 days before starting the business in Bengaluru. Generally, it takes 10 to 15 days to get the trade licence from the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP). It is also mandatory for the BBMP authorities to verify the documents submitted along with the application for the trade licence.

There are instances of BBMP authorities, on one or the other pretext, making the applicants visit the BBMP offices despite applying for the trade licence online. It is clear why the BBMP health department officials ask the applicants to visit their offices.

However, a BBMP health officer issuing a trade licence within a few hours of applying when other applicants are waiting for weeks is a rather unheard of scenario.

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Where- Jagriti Theatre, Whitefield

02 Board games & more

Bring your friends and family together for a night of classic and modern board games. From fast-paced card games to intricate strategy boards, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Test your skills, make new friends, and create unforgettable memories at the Board Game Evening.
When- Until April 27
Where- HODA Workspace, HSR Layout

03 Find the killer

Dive into the world of Bollywood as you unravel a captivating murder mystery. Dress up as your favourite Bollywood character or come incognito, but be prepared for unexpected twists and turns as you work together to solve the crime. Enjoy live performances, delicious food, and a night of suspenseful entertainment at the Murder Mystery Bollywood Party. **When- April 13**
Where- The Coffee Brewery, Koramangala

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Pet frenzy Participants at the Pet Fiesta, organised at Jayamahal Palace on Sunday

Biological park footfall drops as heat spikes

Bannerghatta Biological Park authorities implement measures like additional shelters and more hydration points to enhance visitor experience despite harsh summer

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Visitors at the Bannerghatta Biological Park

As temperatures continue to soar in Bengaluru, its impact is visible in the footfall at Bannerghatta Biological Park (BBP). According to BBP authorities, there has been a drop in the number of visitors to the zoo in March this year compared to last year. While in March 2023, nearly 1.13 lakh people visited the park, the number of visitors dropped to 1.11 lakh this time.

"There is a slight drop in the number of visitors compared to last year. Summer is harsh this time, and this could be a reason people are avoiding outdoor activities. However, ongoing election activities have also impacted the footfall. To add to this, the school examination schedule was earlier this time, impacting the number of visitors in March," said AV Surya Sen, deputy conservator of forests and executive director of BBP. However, park authorities say a slew of measures is being taken to improve footfall in April.

"April is an important month for us, and we are expecting a good turnout. To ensure that visitors are not subjected to direct sunlight, we are coming up with additional shelters and tents on the campus. The park currently has around five shelters, but over the coming week, a few more will be put up. We are also adding sheds at the entrance and other crucial points inside the zoo so that people waiting in the queue are not exposed. All the shades will have foggers installed for an instant cooling effect," added Sen.

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The park administration has also planned to increase its fleet of eco-friendly transport. Visitors can pedal away instead of walking. BBP has added ten more bicycles for this holiday season. The bicycles on the rental will be available for children above 12 years of age and adults to go around the park on their own. BBP authorities say the idea behind the initiative is not just to promote an eco-friendly mode of transport but also to provide an alternative to electric buggies.

"We have also increased the number of electric buggies, expecting an overwhelming crowd during the summer holidays. Given the heat, we are assuming the majority of the visitors would prefer to use them. There is always a queue for the vehicle, and thus more buggies will help reduce this chaos," said a BBP official. The number of hydration points is also being increased from four to 12.

"We currently have four water dispensing units with RO-based water filters for the visitors. However, looking at the scorching heat, we have decided to bring in eight water drums that will be installed across the park so visitors have access to clean drinking water across the campus," added Sen.

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Citizens tired of grimy situations, await fixes

Repeated pleas to authorities ignored; vendor encroachment, traffic violations, and garbage woes plague JP Nagar

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Vegetable, fruit and flower vendors encroach footpaths in many parts of the city

The residents of JP Nagar 3rd Phase have pointed out a whole list of civic issues that remain unaddressed, even after being brought to the attention of the relevant authorities. The residents have pointed out that the request letters submitted to the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and the traffic police have fallen on deaf ears. No action has been taken by any authorities so far.

The key issues around Casa Ansal Apartment, 3rd Phase, JP Nagar, include vendor encroachment: On 1st Main Road, vendors occupy pavements from early morning until late afternoon, affecting traffic and pedestrian movement and leading to disputes. This also hinders the BBMP SWM (Solid Waste Management) team from cleaning the streets. The other issue is the disregard for traffic laws, as cited by the residents.

"The behaviour of buses, autos, taxi drivers, and two-wheelers on these roads shows a blatant disregard for traffic laws. Food cart vendors, in particular, occupy pavements and roads from early morning to late at night, preventing pedestrian use," said a member of the Bengaluru NavaNirmana Party (BNP). Apart from this, the residents highlighted the misuse of bus stops where Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) buses are forced to stop in the middle of the road due to bus stops being encroached upon by food vendors, leading to congestion and accidents. There is improper parking near Gopalan Innovation Mall, and despite the mall having a parking area, people park their vehicles on the road, causing congestion.

There is also the issue of garbage trucks being parked from 12 pm until 6 am the next day, emitting foul smells and scattering garbage, posing health problems to residents.

Highlighting the severity of the garbage and traffic problems, N Thyagarajan, a resident of Casa Ansal Apartment, said, "The presence of food carts, vendors, and the lack of traffic management around all three periphery sides of Casa Ansal Apartment has become a daily nightmare. The accumulation of garbage, traffic congestion, encroached pavements, and disputes with street vendors and drivers have significantly affected our living conditions. We have in the past submitted request letters to concerned authorities and local leaders about the civic issues here; however, we have not seen any solution to the problems. We request the strict enforcement of no-parking zones and the removal of encroachments that obstruct traffic flow and pedestrian access."

> **"The reason for persistent unsolved civic issues is the absence of an elected representative in the city due to delayed BBMP elections**
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> – Poongothai Paramasivam, zonal leader, Bengaluru NavaNirmana Party, Bangalore South

Speaking about the inefficiency in the city's governance, Poongothai Paramasivam, governing council member & zonal leader, BNP, Bangalore South, said, "Civic issues are largely ignored by authorities. Numerous complaints are often overlooked until a serious incident occurs. It's unfortunate that citizens must suffer due to this negligence. The reason for persistent unsolved civic issues is the absence of an elected representative in the city due to delayed BBMP elections."

Plastic everywhere; volunteers call for action against littering

Volunteers seen picking up trash at Shalini Ground on Sunday

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A tempo load of trash was cleared from Shalini Grounds at Jayanagar on Sunday morning by a group of volunteers. The clean-up drive was organised by the Indian Ploggers Army in association with Youth For Seva and NMIT College students. More than 70 volunteers participated in the drive to clear the dry waste, including single-use plastic, from Shalini Grounds.

"We found a lot of trash, including cigarette packets and liquor sachets, on Shalini Grounds. It is unfortunate to find empty cigarette and liquor sachets on the ground. People come to Shalini Grounds to play and leave all the empty water bottles and gutka pouches on the ground. I felt very sad and bad about the state of affairs on the ground," said Plog Raj, the founder of the Indian Ploggers Army, adding that students of NMIT College have come from Yelahanka to participate in the cleaning drive at Shalini Grounds.

Bharathy Jayaprakash, a chartered accountant, said that she participated in more than 100 plogs and felt very bad coming across the condition of Shalini Grounds. "There was more single-use plastic on the ground. I want people to stop using plastic. We do not use plastic at our home," said Bharathy, adding that her daughter Ridhi, a CA student, also used to participate in plog runs. Athula Gutta, an entrepreneur, said that it is the fifth plog for her, along with her nine-year-old son Atharva. "We participate in plog on alternate weeks. "I found more empty water bottles on Shalini Grounds. I am of the opinion that it will benefit those who come to the ground if the authorities install a reverse osmosis (RO) plant near the ground to facilitate drinking water," said Gutta.

Rahul BM, who has participated in more than 100 plogs, has said the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) authorities have to penalise those responsible for leaving leftover food on Shalini Grounds. "It is disturbing to see empty sachets of pan masala on the ground. If the waste found on Shalini Ground is any indication, the organisers of the functions held at the ground are not bothered to remove garbage. The BBMP has to penalise those organisers who generate waste and fail to remove it," Rahul said.

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Footpath encroachment
Banaswadi

Footpath being used by shop owner before Uttam Sagar Hotel near the signal off Ayyappa temple road, towards Banaswadi.

Up in flames
Bannerghatta Road

A hotel is burning garbage with wood and plastic, in their car park, where hundreds of gas cylinders are kept.

Overcrowded park
Yediyur

Numerous vehicles have been parked for months around Yediyur Lake Park. This is an eyesore and also makes it difficult to clean those areas at the park.

New UPI feature: Soon, you can deposit cash through UPI at ATMs

Unified Payments Interface (UPI) has become a part of our day-to-day life in the last few years. However, we mostly use it to transfer money or scan the QR code and pay at shops. But, the usage of UPI is just not limited to payments. Now, you can withdraw cash from ATMs using UPI. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has now enabled a cash deposit facility through UPI at ATMs. Customers can soon deposit cash at cash deposit machines (CDMs) at banks and ATMs through UPI app, announces the central bank.

The new announcement

While announcing the decisions of the Monetary Policy Committee on April 5, 2024, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das mentioned, "Deposit of cash through cash deposit machines (CDMs) is primarily being done through the use of debit cards. Given the experience gained from cardless cash withdrawal using UPI at the ATMs, it is now proposed to facilitate deposit of cash in CDMs using UPI."

"CDMs deployed by banks enhance customer convenience while reducing the cash-handling load on bank branches. The facility of cash deposit is presently available only through the use of debit cards. Given the popularity of UPI, as well as the benefits seen from the availability of UPI for cardless cash withdrawals at ATMs, it is now proposed to facilitate a cash deposit facility through the use of UPI. Operational instructions will be issued shortly," as per the Statement on Developmental and Regulatory Policies of RBI.

How will it work?

Mandar Agashe, Founder & MD, Sarvatra Technologies Pvt Ltd, said, "The enablement of UPI for cash deposit facility is another remarkable use-case of UPI. Currently, to access the cash deposit facility, the user must insert his/her debit card, enter the PIN and select "deposit" to complete the cash deposition process at the ATM or CDM. Going ahead, this will be a card-less process, all that the user will need, is UPI enabled on that bank account. This will make the banking transaction-CDM as easy as making payments via UPI."

At present, you can withdraw cash at ATMs through UPI. The process is simple.

First, you need to find a UPI-enabled to withdraw cash from an ATM using a UPI application. Several banks offer cash withdrawals through UPI at ATMs. All you need to do is to select the 'UPI Withdrawal' option on the ATM screen. Then, you will be prompted to enter the amount you want to withdraw. A single-use dynamic QR code will be displayed on the screen. You have to scan the QR code through your UPI app. In the next step, your UPI app will prompt you to make the payment for the equivalent withdrawal amount. You have to select the linked bank account and authorize the transaction with the UPI PIN. Once the transaction is authorised, you will get cash from the ATM.

UPI cardless cash deposit will be similar to UPI cardless cash withdrawal, say experts. At present, you can deposit cash at cash deposit machines primarily using your debit card. With the of UPI cardless cash deposit, you no longer need to carry a debit card to deposit cash at cash deposit machines at ATMs.

How will it help?

Shaktikanta Das said, "This measure will enhance customer's convenience and make the currency handling easier for banks." Vivek Iyer, Partner, Grant Thornton Bharat, said, "Enabling UPI for cash deposit is the RBI focus towards integrating UPI as a part of the financial services value chain, given the positive level of customer experience and ease."

RBI will issue operational instructions for this soon.

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Water sinners must pay

362 penalised and Rs 16 lakh collected for 'misuse' of water

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The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) has intensified its efforts to curb water wastage, taking strict actions against offenders. As of now, 362 individuals have been penalised, resulting in the collection of Rs 15 lakh. These penalties have been imposed across zones in Bengaluru based on violations related to water usage. In Bengaluru South West zone, 32 cases have been registered, and a fine of Rs 1.60 lakh has been collected. In Bengaluru East, 21 cases have been recorded, leading to a penalty of Rs 1.05 lakh. In Bengaluru South and North zones, 12 cases each have been recorded, with fines of Rs 60,000 collected from each zone.

The BWSSB has also implemented a 10% water cut since April 14, affecting bulk users consuming between 20 to 40 lakh litres of water. The chairman of BWSSB stressed on the importance of water conservation, stating that it is not solely the responsibility of the BWSSB but a shared responsibility. Any instances of excessive usage will result in supply cuts.

The BWSSB is also cracking down on illegal water drawing, especially by paying guest (PG) accommodations. Following a complaint during a phone-in program, BWSSB chairman Dr Ram Prasath Manohar V directed officials to probe 43 PGs in Kadugodi ward suspected of illegally drawing BWSSB water. The BWSSB aims to ensure that all PGs are legally compliant on water usage.

Attention has also been focused on the completion of the Cauvery fifth stage works, which have faced delays. "The BWSSB is seeking police cooperation to expedite these works, particularly in laying pipelines along crucial routes in the city," he said. The chairman highlighted the necessity of completing these works promptly.

Tanker-residential property nexus

The BWSSB has set its sights on residential properties suspected of clandestinely supplying water to private tankers.

Over 200 notices have already been dispatched to such households. Manohar said, "We have identified instances where individuals who originally registered for residential water connections have been diverting water from borewells for commercial purposes. We have pinpointed these locations, particularly those catering to commercial and industrial needs. Demand notices have been issued to around 200 such establishments, as they got permission for domestic usage but are engaged in commercial activities."

An official further explained, "BWSSB recently conducted a survey of properties that had obtained permits for borewells. If a borewell permit was acquired for residential purposes, the water extracted cannot be sold for commercial use. Violators are flouting the mandate for financial gain by supplying water from their borewells. These property owners are now being penalised."

At present, BWSSB serves the water requirements of 10.84 lakh households. Out of the 10,955 public borewells, 1,214 have dried up completely, with another 3,700 witnessing a significant reduction in water levels. Within BWSSB's jurisdiction, there are 11,000 borewells designated for public use, alongside 4.5 lakh private borewells drawing from both Cauvery water and private sources. This decline in water levels affects both public and private borewells, intensifying the dependence on Cauvery water and impacting distribution.

Ill-timed: Medical college swings into clean-up action

With over 47 students Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute (BMCRI) Girls hostel getting admitted in Victoria Hospital getting diagnosed with gastroenteritis, two of which were positive for cholera, the institute has swung into action. On Sunday, 46 patients were discharged.

The BMCRI took steps such as shutting the kitchen and starting continuous disinfection in the premises. Food was being given to the students from the Victoria Hospital kitchen. This apart, R.O water tanks are being cleaned and serviced. Three more RO water filters will be installed.

The students from the girls PG hostel however pointed out a list of issues that are yet to be addressed. "It requires a permanent solution to address the water scarcity and ensure a consistent supply of purified water in the hostel. This apart, necessary action should be taken to mitigate 'overcrowding' in the hostel, with an aim to reduce occupancy in each room from four members to two for post graduate students," said one student.

Another student said that ensuring hygiene standards in the mess and implementing a standardised billing system for both undergraduate and postgraduate students, as they dine together in the same mess, is a must. "Maintenance is required for hoses and flushes in all the toilets throughout the hostel. Kitchen and mess infrastructure to be upgraded."

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Vendors forced to shut shop as heat beats on

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Street vendors urge BBMP to provide them with facilities such as drinking water, vending zones

Street vendors of the city are experiencing losses as they have now significantly reduced their business hours due to excessive heat. Street vendors union president S Babu said that many vendors are now opting to begin their business only after 2 pm as long working hours in the sun is taking a toll on their health. On the other hand, many vendors also noted that customers do not venture out when the sun is out.

Street vendors who used to sell their produce on push carts have been affected the most as they are required to move around to get business. "We cannot afford to carry large volumes of water with us while moving around a vicinity to ensure that we are hydrated. Along with this, the produce we are trying to sell will not remain fresh and appealing to customers after being exposed to excessive heat," said a push cart vendor who sells vegetables and fruits. He added that they are required to cut down on their working hours, with many trying to finish their daily rounds by 10 am. A section of push cart vendors have also begun to look for alternative livelihoods as vegetable prices have increased. Another factor contributing to push cart vendors switching their livelihood is the shelf life of vegetables during summer being relatively low.

Vendors have noted that building makeshift shelters that will help them withstand the sun will in turn attract unwanted attention from the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and the authorities.

"Evictions are held regularly, where even those with valid identity cards are subjected to harassment. Makeshift shelters such as umbrellas will only attract the wrong kind of attention," said a street vendor. He added that the authorities must instead focus on providing street vendors facilities such as drinking water and accessible washrooms, and must allot vending zones.

'Put in place measures to help pourakarmikas'

The All India Central Council of Trade Unions (AICCTU) has submitted a memorandum to the state government urging it to put in several measures to ensure that the pourakarmikas are affected to a minimum during the expected heat waves.

In a letter addressed to the Additional Chief Secretary of Urban Development Department, Principal Secretary of Department of Municipal Administration and the Principal Secretary, Social Welfare Department, AICCTU noted that Dalit pourakarmikas across the state are compelled to work despite a heatwave sweeping the state. "As you know pourakarmikas work from 6.30 am to 2.30 pm. Except for a handful ULBs (urban local bodies) where pourakarmikas are given weekly off, in almost all ULBs they work seven days a week, without any break. Across the state, they are denied national and festival holidays as well. They are not provided resting rooms or proper drinking water facilities, except for in a handful of places. This has a serious impact on their health and makes them vulnerable," it said. "Pourakarmikas work in this extreme heat and without any precautions whatsoever, and it is necessary that immediate action be taken to protect their health," it added.

The heat wave sweeping across Karnataka has sent the temperature soaring, and this is only expected to increase further as summer peaks. The Karnataka State Disaster Management Authority has issued an advisory advising the public as per which people are advised to stay indoors during the peak temperatures between noon to 3 pm. Residents are also advised to drink plenty of water on a regular basis in order to avoid dehydration. The circular also suggests people to wear light-coloured and cotton clothes, eye shades and hats. **BMB**

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'Bee-Kind' initiative to promote apitourism

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the mobile application that has been sourced from a Bengaluru-based company. The application called Bee-Kind connects beekeepers to apiculturists and bee experts for solutions and suggestions. Farmers can get solutions to every bee-related problem through this app. They can share images of bees and hives to highlight specific issues," said Nilesh Shinde, deputy conservator of forests, KTR.

Officials told BM that the company engaged by them has worked with beekeepers of the Sundarban Tiger Reserve in West Bengal, Simplipal National Park in Odisha, and Valmiki National Park in Bihar.

According to KTR officials, the initiative, called Adavi Jhenkara, has been taken up due to a lack of best bee-keeping practices and poor market support for honey and bee products in the region. Apart from helping farmers adopt the best beekeeping practices of FAO-UN 2021, the programme also encourages secondary livelihood opportunities for forest dwellers by developing a market for organic medicinal honey and bee

products in the region. The initiative is expected to promote apitourism in the region and involve the community in forest-wildlife conservation activities.

"KTR has just nearly 2% of its area exposed to tourism. We need to gain the confidence of locals; so we wanted to start an initiative wherein people can improve their livelihood. We decided to help them understand the scientific aspects of beekeeping and connect them to the market. Such activities with locals ensure that we get unconditional support and help in conservation efforts," said another official from KTR.

Through the programme, KTR authorities are working towards creating clusters of beekeepers for knowledge sharing and support.

"Cluster building is important to ensure community support and knowledge exchange. It helps in making the profession sustainable. After this, we will support them in market intelligence. Continuous monitoring, handholding, and knowledge exchange are the keys and the AI-based mobile application is helping us achieve these goals," said the official.

The programme currently has 75 beekeepers. However, the department has identified 100 more beneficiaries in the area who will soon be trained in using the application.

"We wanted to encourage women and fine-tune their skills as they are naturally good at beekeeping. We have 75 beekeepers and will soon have 100 more from hamlets in and around the reserve," added the official.

Trade licence issued 'without following norms'

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The BBMP medical officer for health has issued a trade licence without following the norms.

Dr Yashovardhan, medical officer of health, BBMP has allegedly shown an undue interest in issuing a trade licence certificate (EA130903532071121419) to Nithya Shree Manjunath on February 18, 2024 to carry out Skinholic trade at No. 33, 1st Floor, Sai Venkataram, Annaswamy Mudaliar Road. The category of licence is Part 3 (Trade Non Food Items – Medical).

Dr Yashovardhan allegedly did not visit the spot before issuing the trade licence; he did not insist the applicant submit the no objection certificate from neighbours or the property owner. No effort was made to insist the applicant to display the name board prominently in Kannada language in the trade premises. The BBMP has received Rs 2,500 towards the fees for the trade licence issued on February 18, 2024 which is valid up to March 31, 2024.

When contacted, BBMP medical officer Dr Yashovardhan said the trade licence was issued after receiving the application from Nithya Shree Manjunath.

"I did not evince any undue interest in issuing the trade licence to the applicant. I visited the Skinholic, a skin and hair clinic, before issuing the trade licence and found the applicant followed all the norms," he said.

However, Dr Yashovardhan has no answer for the non-existence of a name board in Kannada which is mandatory. "I have received an objection from Purushotham, the property owner. I will not renew the trade licence issued to Nithya Shree Manjunath," he added.

Why was a trade licence issued without verifying the documents required and why was it cancelled only after receiving objections? Why did the medical officer not reject the application in February itself?

HEALTH TIP: Smoking and excessive alcohol consumption have adverse effects on overall health and wreak havoc on your skin

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DON'T SHRUG THIS OFF

Five shoulder exercises to ease frozen joints

Shoulder stiffness and immobility should not be taken lightly, as it not only affects your daily routine, but can also get worse over time. Medically known as adhesive capsulitis, is a troublesome condition marked by significant inflammation, pain and severely limited mobility in the shoulder joint. Whether caused by injury, overuse or conditions such as frozen shoulder, addressing shoulder mobility is essential for maintaining function and reducing discomfort. Incorporating regular stretching exercises into your routine can help alleviate stiffness and improve the range of movements.

"The complex shoulder joint relies intrinsically on the smooth gliding permitted by this capsule to allow a wide range of movements needed for everyday function," informs Dr Santoshi Kurada, Co-Founder of Alleviate Pain Clinic. When this capsule becomes rigid, shoulder mobility suffers greatly, she adds.

The condition predominately comes into play for those between the ages of 40 and 60 years. Seeing one's physician promptly when symptoms first arise can set up a swift diagnosis and treatment.

We bring you five expert-recommended shoulder stretches:

Pendulum Swing Stretch

Stand upright, allowing your affected arm to dangle freely at your side. Tilt slightly forward from the hips to take pressure off the shoulder muscles. Start with subtle circular swinging motions using core abdominal muscles, not shoulders, allowing the weighted arm to trace wide arcs for 2-5 minutes per direction. The gentle traction distracts inflamed joint tissue without causing additional shoulder strain.

Assisted Towel Stretch Behind The Back

Drape a small hand towel down your back grasping one end in each hand. Pull the towel ends upwards behind you emphasising lifting and expanding the contracted shoulder capsule tissue while keeping elbows straight. Apply this gentle stretch for at least 30 seconds, inhaling deeply to maximise expansion before releasing and repeating several times. The towel aids in accessing new capsule tissue.

External Rotation With Dowel

With the affected elbow fixed at your side, use the opposite hand to gently push and rotate the affected arm outward and slightly backwards along a broomstick held horizontally behind the lower back. This hand-over-hand control maximises external rotation stretching the tissue missed in other motions. Hold gently for up to 30 seconds before slowly releasing and repeating toward the opposite side.

Elevation Stretch Facing Wall

Stand facing a wall slightly farther than arm's length away, feet shoulder-width apart. Place palm hands flat on the wall just above shoulder height. Maintaining an upright posture, slide the affected hand upward leading with the arm while the hips and upper body tilt slightly away. Reach as high overhead as possible without straining before holding for 30 seconds and repeating several reps on each side.

Cross-Body Adduction Stretch

This targets aspects beyond the shoulder's central range. Hug the affected arm across your chest at shoulder height, pulling the elbow inward with the opposite arm. Emphasise the sensation of tissue expanding rather than straining the arm or joint. Apply this gentle stretch for at least 30 seconds before releasing across your body and repeating on the opposite side.

Not Of Caution

- Always perform stretches slowly and gently, avoiding any sudden or jerky movements.
- Stop if you feel any sharp pain or discomfort beyond a gentle stretch.
- Consult with a healthcare professional before starting any new exercise program, especially if you have a history of shoulder injuries or chronic shoulder problems.

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MIRRORLIGHTS

Blood tests can help detect heart attack risk

A timely blood test can help doctors check the risk of heart attack, or detect how serious a head injury might be, thereby reducing time spent in the emergency room and no exposure to radiation from CT scans.

This new approach was discussed at the continuing medical programme Pathology Update, at King George's Medical University on Sunday.

Experts said for heart attacks, doctors already have a simple blood test called troponin I (Trop I).

Studies in Russia and the US have found this test not only helps diagnose heart attack but can also indicate the risk of having one in the future.

A level of troponin I above 34 usually means a heart attack. However, a level above 12 might suggest an increased risk.

Ideally, the level should be below 6 for a healthy heart, with 6-11 indicating a slight risk. The test values for females for a healthy heart are 4, 5-9 for mild risk, and over 10 for high risk.

Dr Neeraj Bhalla, a cardiologist, said: "People with diabetes, high blood pressure, those who are overweight, or with a history of a heart attack should go in for a check of these levels every six months."

Brain injury specialist, Dr Ketan Patel, explained that head injuries could vary a lot-- from life-threatening to mild bumps with no lasting damage. This new blood test is a more objective way to assess the severity of head injury.

Instead of relying on CT scans, which aren't suitable for everyone and involve radiation, doctors can use specific markers in the blood.

UCHL1 and CFAP blood can help them make better decisions about patients' care.

"A positive blood test might indicate the need for further care in the hospital. Negative results mean allowing patients to go home sooner," he said.

Prof Somil Jaiswal of neurosurgery and Prof Wahid Ali of pathology departments from KGMU suggested that blood markers offer faster diagnoses, avoid radiation exposure from CT scans and can ultimately lead to better patient care.

"In the future, these tests might even contribute to personalised medicine for head injuries," said Jaiswal.

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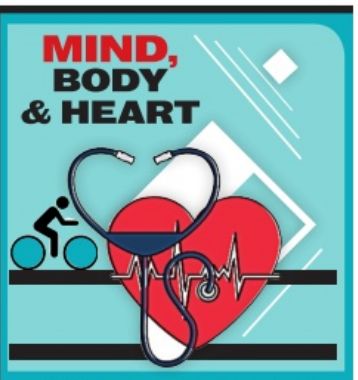

All you need to know about...

India's disease chart

Disease burden
India has in the recent years effectively eradicated polio and made some progress in reducing maternal and infant mortality rates, but the country continues to battle non-communicable diseases, respiratory diseases and mental health issues, according to experts.

Key issues
"Key health issues faced by Indians include high incidence of non-communicable diseases like cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, obesity and hypertension. Respiratory infections and malnutrition are also increasing," J P S Sawhney, Chairperson, Department of Cardiology, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, told IANS.

Infective and otherwise
"Diseases both infective like tuberculosis, malaria, hepatitis etc are in abundance and non-infective like diabetes with its complications, heart diseases, lung diseases like Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), and bronchial asthma are on another spectrum," added Ajay Agarwal, Fortis Hospital, Noida.

Risk factors
Common risk factors contributing to many of these include poor diet, physical inactivity, smoking, alcohol consumption, environmental pollution and economic disparities.
The experts also lamented the paucity of healthcare facilities, access to quality healthcare, regional disparities and inadequate awareness that contribute to these challenges.

On the flip side, some remarkable changes
On the other hand, the experts noted that "the past decade has brought remarkable changes to India's healthcare landscape", with an increase in life expectancy, polio eradication, and most recently eliminated filariasis or Kala-azar. **—IANS**

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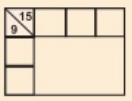
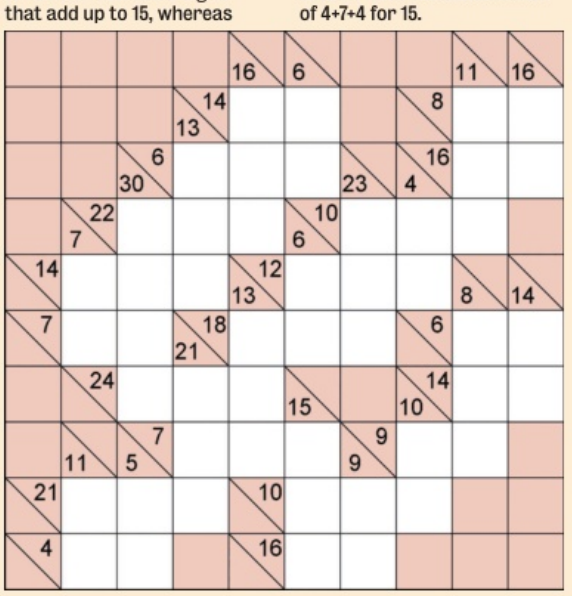
The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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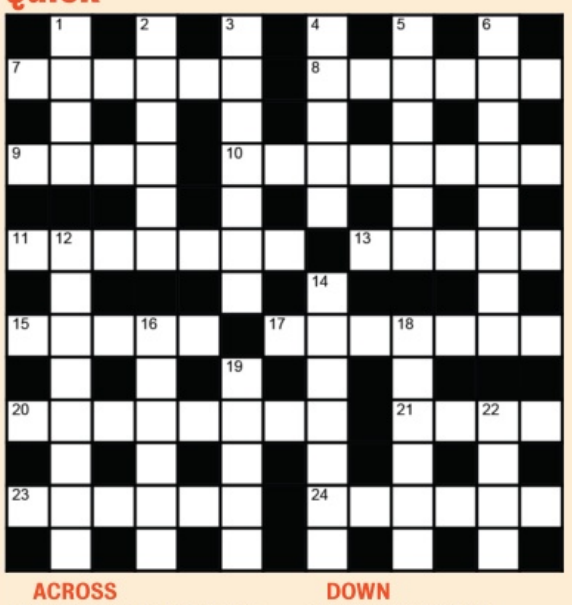


ACROSS

7 Important city in Pakistan (6)
8 Incensed (6)
9 Sack (4)
10 M in M S Dhoni (8)
11 Arranges, classifies or mixes (7)
13 Quite shrewd (5)
15 ___ ____ of Two Cities: Dickens novel? (1,4)
17 Ruined or devastated (7)
20 Indian holy city (8)
21 Submissive (4)
23 Breaks, fractures or mutilates? (6)
24 Yearly (6)

DOWN

1 Indian garment (4)
2 Awaken; reach (4,2)
3 Ascetics or a recluses (7)
4 Quarrel (5)
5 Abdominal defect (6)
6 French word for 40 (8)
12 ___ at : located at? (8)
14 Dynasty which ruled the Kingdom of Mysore from 1399 to 1947 (7)
16 Relied on for support (6)
18 Equipping with weapons (6)
19 Unit of magnetic flux (5)
22 School test (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: Z EQUALS U

TU SIX XY BZTAU, NYZ GYZCW QAIH I LZV WHYL.

Linemaro

Can you touch my arm?
I want to say I was
touched by an angel

Mindchow

We can't all be heroes
because somebody has
to sit on the curb
and clap as they go by

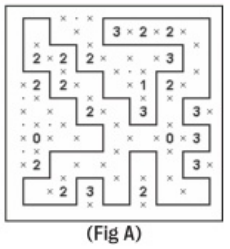
Joke of the day

You can live to be a
hundred if you give
up all the things that
make you want to
live to be a hundred

Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



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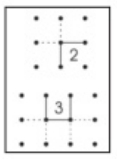
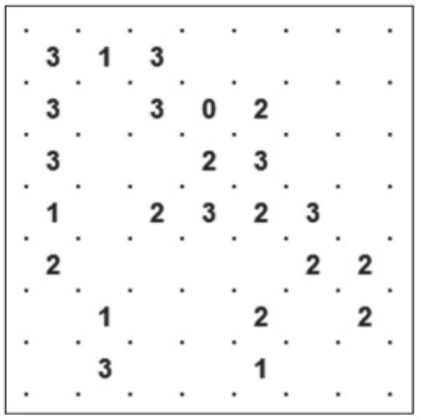


(Fig B)
Not
Allowed

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

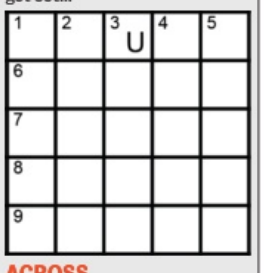


Strikeout

This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

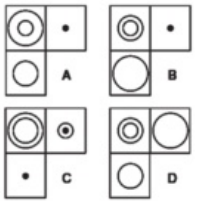
1 Strut; 6 I tree;
7 Or ape; 8 Or sir;
9 I pose

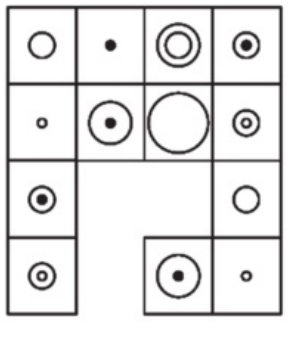
DOWN

1 Or pot; 2 Roper;
3 True I; 4 Is sir;
5 See at

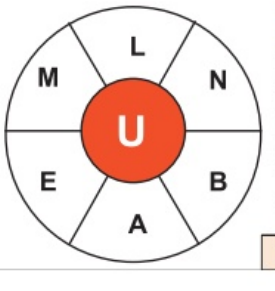
Mensapuzzle

Which is the missing section?





Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

10 Average; **11** Good; **13** Outstanding

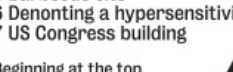
SudokuChallenge

			9	5	6			
		3	8		4	6		
	9						7	
8	4		3		7		1	5
7								6
1	3		5		8		9	4
	6						5	
		5	2		1	3		
			6	9	5			

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy = 12
4 4 4 8

Medium = 60
2 6 6 8

Hard = 14
3 7 9 5

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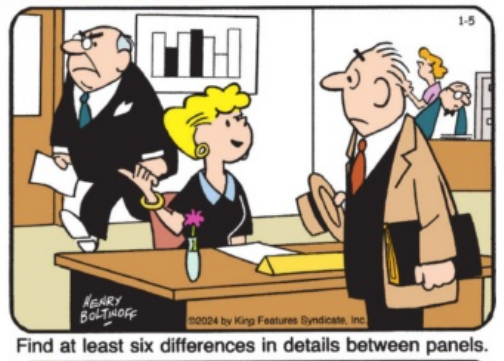


Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Ann is lowered. 2. Top of desk is wider. 3. Hat is different. 4. Nameplate is moved. 5. Collar is different. 6. Paper is added on desk.

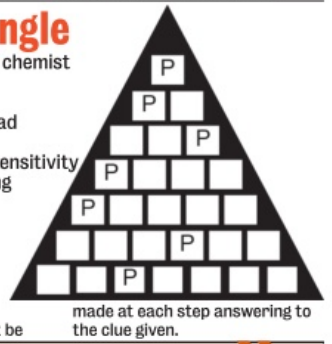
Riddler

Each pair of definitions is for two words, where the second word is the first word with a letter deleted (example: brand & band). The length of the first word in each pair is provided, along with the position of the deleted letter to obtain the second word.

1) a short high-pitched sound, such as a bird's (5 letters) & (delete 4th letter) to shape by cutting or chopping
2) actually (6 letters) & (delete 2nd letter) to revive
3) to change one's direction (4 letters) & (delete 1st letter) a vase with a footed base
4) extremely cold (6 letters) & (delete 1st letter) stiff and hard

Alpha triangle

1 Phosphorus for the chemist
2 Dad
3 Gentle knock
4 Middle Eastern bread
5 Barbecue site
6 Denonting a hypersensitivity
7 US Congress building

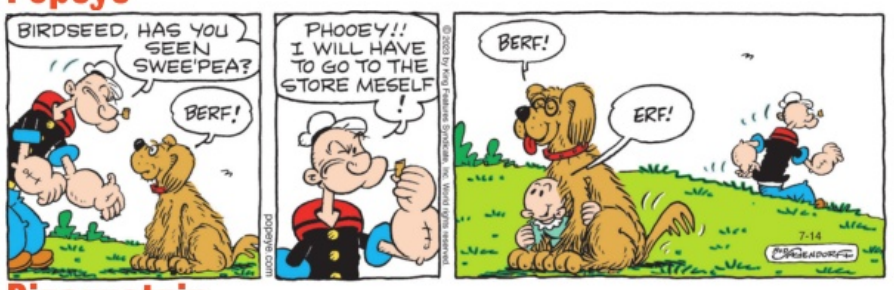


Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Popeye



Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

HMMM...
I DID SOME DIGGING. YOU ONCE PUSHED MIKE IN THE HALLWAY. THAT'S WHY HE DOESN'T LIKE YOU.
WHERE'D YOU HEAR THAT?
YOU KNOW I CAN'T REVEAL MY SOURCES.

Crankshaft

AS THE CLIMATE CHANGES... WE'RE GOING TO BE SEEING MORE SOUTHERN BIRDS AT OUR BIRD FEEDERS IN THE FUTURE.
THE FUTURE'S ALREADY HERE, IT JUST HASN'T BEEN EVENLY DISTRIBUTED YET... AT LEAST ACCORDING TO WILLIAM GIBSON.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT SURPRISES ME MORE... THE FACT THAT YOU KNOW WHO WILLIAM GIBSON IS... OR THE FACT THAT YOU READ SCIENCE FICTION!
tombatiuk.com/books

Mutts

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW, MOOCH!?!
A FEW PAGES FROM A GOOD BOOK HELPS ME SHLEEP.
BUT YOU CAN'T READ!
YESH.
AND IT'S EXHAUSTING!
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WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you may be busy with kids' issues. You are likely to go on short trips related to your kids' academics. You may find it easier to handle difficult tasks. Additionally, you may spend money on buying artefacts or household items to improve your lifestyle. Spending on friends and family members is also indicated. Singles may find their soulmate, while lovebirds may enjoy happy moments.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today you may feel dull, with a sense of negativity around you. It's advised to control your speech as harsh words could create problems. You may be inclined to reject suggestions from well-wishers. However, by late evening, things may come under control.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you are blessed by the moon. Self-respect may help shield you from negative influences. You might be more emotional regarding family matters but will perform well at work, completing tasks on time and boosting your confidence. Your inner strength may guide you in making difficult decisions for business growth.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you are blessed by the moon, enabling you to control spending on unnecessary items. Seeking advice or direction may help you make better investment decisions, improving your financial health. You may find yourself more polite, gaining respect among peers.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, the positive influence of the moon may bring blessings. You'll feel confident and enjoy your work, which may accelerate your current project. Your health may be good, and your desires may be fulfilled. You'll be sought after for help, enhancing your prestige in society.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, the moon's influence is negative. You may feel dull and experience health issues disrupting your routine. Be cautious as someone known to you may betray your trust. Avoid making financial decisions related to your business and exercise patience.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you are blessed by a positive moon, aiding in making sound investment decisions. Past investments may yield profits, and starting work on a new project could bring long-term benefits. Expanding your network may enhance your social status.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may be busy at work, with a clear focus on your goals leading to timely and perfect completion of tasks. Enjoy happy moments with family, and singles may find a soulmate. Consider renovating your house or office to enhance your status.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Blessings from elders may help you overcome last week's challenges, and progress in life may be observed. Your spiritual strength will guide you in making the right decisions. Financial conditions may improve, and lovebirds should avoid dwelling on past conflicts.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Negative thoughts may prevail today, hindering decision-making and leading to impatience and arrogance. Seeking elders' blessings will help in professional growth. Avoid investing in non-profitable assets, and lovebirds should avoid discussing unpleasant matters.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Blessed by the moon, expect good news in your profession. Domestic life may be joyful, but avoid arguments over trivial family issues. Consider investing in assets, and students should focus on their studies.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today is conducive to your work, with good performance expected. Senior colleagues may entrust you with additional responsibilities, possibly leading to promotions. You may also emerge victorious in legal matters. Children's health may improve, and considering investments for their future is advised. Be vigilant against hidden enemies.

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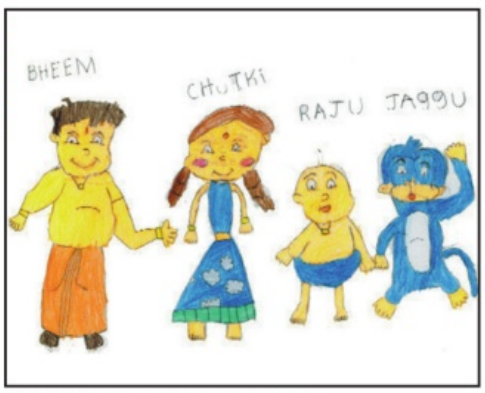

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SOLVE IN 1M
(-7)^9((-5+2))^2 =
(-7)^9/(-3)^2 =
(-7)^9/-3)^2=
(-7)(^9/9)^1 = -7

BULL'S EYE
album, ALBUMEN,
alum, beau, blue,
lumen, maul, menu,
mule, nebula,
numb, ulna, unable

STRIKE OUT

QUICK

MENSA PUZZLE
B: the third line is the first line in reverse, and the fourth line is the second line in reverse.

RIDDLER
1) chirp & chip,
2) really & rally,
3) turn & urn,
4) frigid & rigid

SUDOKU

3	2	7	6	9	5	4	8	1
9	8	5	2	4	1	3	6	7
4	6	1	7	8	3	9	5	2
1	3	6	5	2	8	7	9	4
7	5	2	4	1	9	8	3	6
8	4	9	3	6	7	2	1	5
6	9	4	1	3	2	5	7	8
5	1	3	8	7	4	6	2	9
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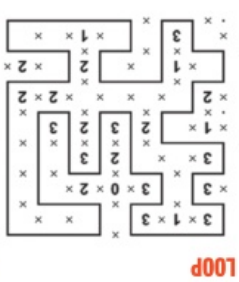
ALPHA TRIANGLE
P, Pa, Tap, Pita,
Patio, Atopic,
Capitol.

LOOP



GO FIGURE
Easy
4 - 4 + 4 + 8 = 12
Medium
8 x 2 - 6 x 6 = 60
Hard
3 + 9 - 5 + 7 = 14

KAKURO

FAST FIVE

T	R	U	S	T
R	E	T	I	E
O	R	R	I	S
O	P	E	R	A
P	O	I	S	E

QUOTE UNCODE
It was so quiet, you could hear a pun drop.

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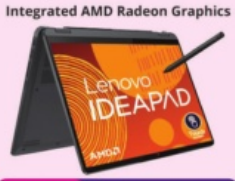

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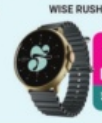

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